

MINUTES
HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2011
TRAINING ROOM
3300 CAPITOL AVE., BUILDING B
FREMONT, CALIFORNIA
7:15 P.M.

1. **SECRETARY CALL FOR QUORUM**

2. **CALL TO ORDER**

3. **ROLL CALL**

Present: Chair Hoffman, Vice Chair Smith, Commissioners Leung, Vuppala, Walsh

Absent: Commissioner Campbell, La, and Watanuki

4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** of the July 18, 2011 meeting.

A motion was made by Commissioner Walsh and seconded by Commissioner Vuppala to accept the minutes of July 18, 2011 with the following corrections: In the approval of June 20, 2011 minutes, a correction states that Commissioner Leung was unable to attend the "Surrender to Kindness" event. This correction is rescinded and now reads, "Commissioner Leung was able to attend the event." The motion was approved and so ordered.

5. **ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

6. **WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS**

7. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Commissioner Walsh informed the Commission that the Interfaith Women of Peace is having an event at Central Park from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 21, 2011, in recognition of International Day of Peace.

Chair Hoffman informed the Commissioner about a documentary she watched and recommends to Commission called "The Strange History of Don't Ask Don't Tell."

Suzanne Shenfil informed the Commission that she spoke with Anish Davè recently and that he wants to join a Berkeley Commission.

8. **CONSENT ITEMS** (Routine items requiring no discussion; any Commissioner or member of the public can ask for a consent item to be moved to the regular agenda to allow for discussion)
 - 8.1 None
9. **OLD BUSINESS**
 - 9.1 HRC Work Plan

The Commission reviewed the work plan and suggested that it was time to review and change committees if people want to. They requested that this be put on the next agenda.
 - 9.2 Human Relations Award Discussion

Tabled to next meeting.
10. **NEW BUSINESS** (Items on which the Commission has not yet had an agendaized discussion or taken action).
 - 10.1 Human Relations Commission Annual Report

Commissioners reviewed the draft Annual Report developed by staff and provided positive feedback.
 - 10.2 Human Services Community Report

Human Services staff shared the community report they created that reflects the work of the Department and its partners during the 2010/2011 fiscal year.
 - 10.3 Management Partners Sustainability Report

Staff provided a verbal update on the Management Partners Sustainability Report (on City website) and also informed the Commission that City staff would be providing a follow-up report to City Council on October 4, 2011.
11. **COMMISSION REFERRALS**
 - 11.1 None
12. **STANDING AND ADHOC COMMITTEE REPORTS** (Oral reports on relevant meetings/events)
 - 12.1 Strengthening Fremont Serving Non Profits Committee

No update.

Staff will email a flyer advertising the upcoming MediCare Workshops that will be held at the Library and the Senior Center.

12.2 Community Dialogue and Resource Sharing Committee

No update

12.3 Community Outreach Committee

No update

12.4 Advocacy Committee

Commissioners confirmed the date of Jan 31, 2012 for the Wine, Cheese and Olive Oil reception with City Council being held at the Dominican Sisters. Staff will create the invitation for the event. Commissioner Walsh will send a logo to use.

12.5 “Make a Difference Day” Committee

Christine Beitsch, who has been hired as the 2011 Make A Difference Day Program Manager, attended the meeting and met the Commissioners. She went over the dates and events for 2012 MADD and asked the Commissioners for any suggestions on projects and volunteers.

Make a Difference Day Event Schedule

Date	Event	Time	Place	Present
10/04/11	Council Proclamation	7:00 PM	City Council Chambers	Ms. Beitsch
10/22/11	MADD	All Day	Citywide	All
11/08/11	Recognition Event	6:15 PM	City Training Room	All

12.6 Other Commission Updates

No updates

13. STAFF REPORTS

13.1 Attendance Summary (**Attachment 13.1**)

13.2 Calendar (**Attachment 13.2**) of HRC regular/special meetings and events.

14. REFERRALS TO STAFF

Suzanne Shenfil spoke with Sister Elaine Marie Sanchez who is working on a project dealing with Human Exploitation and Trafficking (HEAT). She has received a grant to do training in our area. Her hopes are to complete two trainings and would like the assistance of the HRC in getting the word out. The name of the program is HEAT. Sister Elaine Marie Sanchez would like to address the Commission at the next meeting.

15. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Vice Chair Smith and seconded by Commissioner Walsh to adjourn the meeting. The motion was approved and so ordered.